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1. IDENTICAL NOTES EXCHANGED IN MONTEVIDEO ON JULY 21, 1972 BETWEEN BRAZILIAN EMBASSY AND URUGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY REFER INTER ALIA TO BOUNDARY TREATIES OF OCTOBER 12, 1851 AND MAY 15, 1852, JOINT DECLARATION (OF FOREIGN MINISTERS) ON THE LIMIT OF MARITIME JURISDICTIONS OF MAY 10, 1969, AND JOINT DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENTS OF BRAZIL AND URUGUAY OF MAY 11, 1970.

2. NOTES DECLARE AS FOLLOWS REGARDING FIXING OF LATERAL MARITIME BOUNDARY (INFORMAL TRANSLATION): "AS A RESULT, THE MIXED COMMISSION OF BOUNDARIES AND DELINEATION (CARACTERIZACAO) OF THE BRAZIL-URUGUAY BORDER, IN THE RECORD OF THE REFERRED-TO 38TH CONFERENCE, HELD OCTOBER 12, 1971, SET THE (LOCATION OF THE) SANDBANK (BARRA) OF THE CHUY ARROYO, THE BED OF WHICH IS OF AN UNSTABILITY RECOGNIZED SINCE THE FIRST BOUNDARIES ACT OF JUNE 15, 1853, AS FOLLOWS: 'THE SANDBANK OF THE CHUY ARROYO WILL BE SET AT THE POINT DEFINED BY THE INTERSECTION OF THE LINE WHICH ORIGINATES AT THE CURRENT LIGHTHOUSE OF CHUY (AND GOES IN A) DIRECTION SUBSTANTIALLY (SENSIVELMENTE) PERPENDICULAR TO THE GENERAL LINE OF THE COAST, WITH THE AZIMUTH OF THE LATERAL MARITIME BOUNDARY ITSELF (TO BE SPECIFIED) WITH THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. THE LATERAL MARITIME BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE DEFINED BY THE LOXODROMICAL LINE WHICH, ORIGINATING AT THE POINT ESTABLISHED ABOVE, WILL HAVE THE AZIMUTH OF 128 SEXAGESIMA DEGREES (COUNTING FROM TRUE NORTH),

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REACHING THE EXTERIOR LIMIT OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

THE EXTENSION OF THAT LOXODROMICAL (LINE) ONTO LAND PASSES THROUGH THE CHUY LIGHTHOUSE. THE CHIEF DELEGATES ALSO DECLARE THAT PRINCIPAL MARKER NUMBER ONE (OF REFERENCE), ERECTED BY THE DEMARCATING DELEGATES IN 1853, NEAR THE LEFT BANK OF THE CHUY ARROYO AND ON DRY LAND FOR BETTER PROTECTION FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE TIDES AND WAVES, WILL BE RETAINED IN ITS ORIGINAL POSITION, AND THAT AT AN OPPORTUNE TIME THERE WILL BE CARRIED OUT THE WORKS NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE NORMAL DISCHARGE OF THE CHUY ARROYO AT THE POINT WHICH WAS SET ABOVE".

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BORDER DIVISION CHIEF SAID SUBSEQUENT COMPLEMENTARY NOTE DEALT WITH MODALITIES OF AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALL FOR SANDBANK. WALL STILL TO BE BUILT.

4. COPY OF ABOVE NOTE BEING POUCHED TO INR/RGE. IN VIEW OF REF. B, WE WILL MAKE NO FURTHER REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS UNLESS ADVISED BY DEPARTMENT.
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